Upcoming Events for March-April 2009

March 4: "Transition Night 2009" presented by the School of Continuing Education, Disabled Student Program and Services (DSPS), and the North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD). This resource fair will feature 50 community agencies as well as students who have transitioned from school to work and independent living.

Time: 6:00 to 8:30pm

Location: NOCCCD Anaheim Campus - 1830 West Romneya Drive Anaheim, CA 92801 For more information, call the DSPS office at (714) 484-7057 or e-mail ckvaska@sce.cc.ca.us

March 11: "People First of Orange County Self-Advocacy Group" meets the second Wednesday of every month at Dayle McIntosh Center in Garden Grove. People First of Orange County is run entirely by self-advocates for self-advocates where members are given the opportunity to learn, practice, and develop their skills in public speaking, decision making, and problem solving.

Time: 3:00 to 5:00pm

Location: Dayle McIntosh Center - 13272 Garden Grove Blvd. Garden Grove, CA 92843

For more information, call Area Board 11 at (714) 558-4404 or just show up!

March 18: "Empowering Irvine Families Resource Fair" presented by the IUSD Special Education Community Advisory Committee and the Irvine Public Schools Foundation. Service providers will include recreation, education, transition, and additional resources for children and families

Time: 6:00 to 8:30pm

Location: Irvine High School Gymnasium – 4321 Walnut Avenue in Irvine

For more information, call (949) 936-5220 or register online at www.empoweringirvine.org

March 25: "Successful Inclusion Strategies" presented by Area Board 11 staff will cover topics such as least restrictive environment, full inclusion, accommodation strategies to support the student in an inclusive setting, accommodation strategies using assistive technology, and dual enrollment and mainstreaming opportunities through Orange County Head Start.

Time: 10:00am to noon

Location: Area Board 11 – 2000 East Fourth Street, Suite 115 Santa Ana, CA 92705

For more information to RSVP, call Area Board 11 at (714) 558-4404 or email scdd.ca.gov

April 15: "Introduction to Assistive Technology" featuring Laura Martinez of TASK. This workshop will cover the assistive technology (AT) evaluation process, the IEP and AT, examples of assistive technology and augmentative and alternative communication devices.

Time: 6:30 to 8:30pm

Location: Location: Area Board 11 – 2000 East Fourth Street, Suite 115 Santa Ana, CA 92705

For more information to RSVP, call Area Board 11 at (714) 558-4404 or email scarlett.vonthenen@scdd.ca.gov

April 28: "Orange County and Los Angeles County Transition Summit" featuring an expert panel that includes Dr. Janis White from RCOC, Loran Vetter from Department of Rehabilitation, Sandra Beckley from Social Security Administration, and Dr. David Monkarsh, Clinical Psychologist. Transition topics include: a person-centered transition assessment planning, benefits planning and management, work preparation and employment, transportation and travel training, post secondary education, community integration, and behavioral and psychological support.

Time: 8:30am to 3:30pm

Location: Anaheim Convention Center - 800 W Katella Avenue Anaheim, CA 92802

For more information, call Linda O'Neal at (949) 936-5040